

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 22 October 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended and Claim 2 has been cancelled to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tervonen, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,149). The Examiner also rejected Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tervonen, et al. in view of Wayman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,846) and Rauch (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,510). The Examiner further rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tervonen, et al. in view of Wayman et al. and Rauch and further in view of Ames, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,528,777). However, the Examiner kindly stated that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

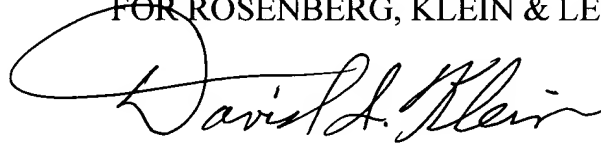
Claim 1 has now been amended to include the limitations of Claim 2, thereby effectively rewriting Claim 2 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (which there were none). Additionally, Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the allowable

subject matter of Claim 2 therein, and Claim 4 has been amended to correct the language thereof.

For all the forgoing reasons, it is now believed that the subject Patent Application has now been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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